



Burr Ridge Briefs

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County Line Road Construction Update

By now, the changes on County Line Road are already visible. Traffic has been restricted to northbound access only and southbound traffic is detoured from 79th Street to Madison Street to 87th Street. Tree removal and pavement milling continues, and excavation and grading will begin in certain areas.

Residents have been very helpful by calling with concerns and questions. Unfortunately, Village Hall staff can only provide limited information because Burr Ridge has no jurisdiction over the project. Work is being performed under the authority of Cook County Highway Department. As such, residents are instead encouraged to call Project Contractor Superintendent, Rick Watts at (708) 912-8709 or Helen Pappas Sterr, Project Engineer for the County, at (708) 912-8711 for updates and information. The County is working to install a hotline where residents can call for updates and information. The number will be made public as soon as it is functional.



Questions about County Line Road Construction?
Call the Project Superintendent, Rick Watts, at (708) 912-8709 or
Project Engineer, Helen Pappas Sterr, at (708) 912-8711.

Annual Zoning Review Changes Approved

Since 1998, the Plan Commission has conducted an annual review of the Village's Zoning Ordinance to address zoning issues and possible patterns in permitted variations that surfaced over the previous calendar year. The review is an ongoing effort to examine evolving community standards.

This year, the Commission recommended and the Board approved two changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The lot size in the R-2 District was reduced from a minimum lot area of 2.5 acres to

2 acres and the minimum lot width was reduced from 220 feet to 200 feet. Also, the parking space design criteria were modified to create wider parking spots, eliminate overhang and reduce aisle width. Although fence regulations were reviewed, no change was made. Existing regulations state that chain link fences are prohibited, a fence cannot be higher than five feet tall, they must be at least 50% open and they are restricted to the area behind the rear wall of the house.

Public Works in Brief

Important Information about B-Boxes



This B-Box is exposed too high above the ground.

Are you having work done on your driveway? Before work begins, call the Water & Sewer Division of the Public Works Department at 323-4733. Some water shut-off valves, commonly called "B-Boxes", are located in driveways. Have your B-box inspected so that, if any repairs are needed, they can be scheduled before or

during the renovation. Making repairs afterward is almost impossible to do without causing damage to the drive.

If a Bbox is exposed too high above ground level it can be hazardous. Call for an inspection to determine if the problem can be corrected or if repair work is necessary. Bboxes are an important part of our water system and, at times, they need to be accessed by Village personnel. Proper functioning of the B-box can be vital in the event of an internal plumbing problem, especially if the pipe, valve or fixture is broken or frozen.

Road Program Construction Hotline

Once work on the 2004 Road Program begins, residents can call the Village's construction hotline for updates at 654-8181, option 8, tune into cable channel 6 or visit the Village's web site. Work will occur in the Chasemoor and 72nd Street/Pleasantdale areas, the Arrowhead Farm, Woodcreek, Ridge Farm and Hinsdale Industrial Park Subdivisions, as well as 97th Street, Chasemoor Drive, Norris Court, Steepleside Drive and Woodgate Drive.

Plainfield Road Reconstruction

The Cook County Highway Department has begun reconstruction of Plainfield Road. Local traffic only is permitted to travel east and west bound on Plainfield Road, while eastbound non-local traffic has been detoured from County Line Road to 55th Street to Wolf Road. The eastbound lane will be closed entirely at the bridge and anyone wishing to travel over I-294 will have to use the detour route. This, the first phase of the project, is expected to be complete at the end of August, weather permitting. The second phase of the project will focus on westbound lanes and similar traffic restrictions will be in place. Since the work is being overseen by Cook County, residents are encouraged to call Rick Watts, project superintendent, at (708) 912-8709 with questions and concerns.

Latex Paint Can be Recycled

Bring unwanted paint to be recycled at the DuPage County Public Works facility (7900 S. Route 53). The facility is open weekdays, 8 AM to 2 PM until August 27th (excluding July 5th) and select Saturdays: July 10, 24, August 7, 14, 21. Call 985-7400 for details. Residents can drop off unwanted latex paint, Monday through Saturday. Usable paint will be rebled into a variety of colors, types and finishes. Free five gallon buckets of quality, recycled paint are available to the public Monday through Friday.

Sprinkling Restrictions Reminder

Sprinkling north of 83rd Street may occur Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 AM to 12 PM and 6 PM to 12 AM. Sprinkling south of 83rd Street may occur Tuesday, Friday and Sunday during the same hours. No lawn sprinkling is permitted on Wednesdays or any day between Noon and 6 PM. Restrictions are in effect through September 15th.

Police Briefs

Sign Up for the Citizens Police Academy

Residents can still sign up for the 7th Annual Burr Ridge Citizens Police Academy. The next session begins Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 PM. Sessions last 3 hours and run for ten weeks. Contact Officer Zuccherio at 654-8181, ext. 322 for more information or to sign up or stop by the Police Department for a brochure and application. Call now while space is still available.

Help Wanted! The Veterans Memorial Committee Seeks Additional Fundraising Volunteers

The Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial Committee is looking for volunteers to help raise funds. Individuals with fundraising experience and creative ideas willing to donate their services should contact Corporal Timothy Vaclav at 654-8181, extension 309.

Going out of Town this Summer? Protect your Home.

Before packing your bags for summer vacation, register for the Vacation House Watch Program with the Police Department at 323-8181. We will ask who has keys to your home, whether lights will be on timers, what cars will be left in your driveway, who should be contacted in an emergency, etcetera. Officers will know to pay special attention when patrolling your neighborhood. *Residents are also strongly urged to ensure alarm systems are working properly and activated before you leave.* Remove any extra keys you have stored outside your home under door mats or in flower pots. Secure patio doors with heavy duty locks and steel rods at the base. Light the exterior of your home with motion detection or timed lights and set interior lights, radios and televisions on timers, staggered throughout the day.

News in Brief

Proper Care for Trees

Wood chip mulch around the base of a tree is an important part of its care. Mulch should be about two inches deep in a three foot circumference around the trunk. Do not pile the mulch up against the trunk since it can cause molds, fungi and allows insects to attack and kill the tree. Be sure there is adequate water supply through heat and periodic droughts of summer. New trees are especially vulnerable during droughts. Place a hose at the base of the tree twice a week and let water run for 10 or 15 minutes at a moderate rate. If you notice the tree wilting or the leaves turning brown, water more frequently. Be sure to work within the sprinkling restrictions in effect until September 15th (see Sprinkling Restrictions article for more information).

Wood Chips Available

Do you need a load of wood chips for mulching your trees and planting beds? A limited quantity of rough grade chips are available from the spring curbside brush chipping program. Chips are available for viewing and small quantities may be picked up at the east end of Commerce Street near the Public Works facility. Call 323-4733 for details.

John Wernimont Celebrates 20 Years



We would like to congratulate John Wernimont as he celebrates his 20 year anniversary with the Village. John has worked exclusively in Public Works and remembers when the Department had only 4 employees, and Village Hall and the Police Station were in a 3 bedroom ranch house. John works in vehicle maintenance and, when asked what he likes most about his job, he replied, "working with my hands repairing equipment, the variety and how my job could change... day to day," and because "I like to serve the public in any way I can." Join us in thanking John for his dedicated service.

Indian Prairie Library Seeks Local History

Indian Prairie Library seeks area residents who have authentic documents about the early days of Burr Ridge. The library is compiling a Local History Collection of photos from the early settlement of the area, historical documents, Route 66 nostalgia, and various other times. Residents who would consider donating the items to the collection or allow staff to reproduce them should call Mary Krekelberg at 887-8760, ext. 240.

Are you interested in serving on a Village Board or Commission? Stop by Village Hall today and complete an application.

Know the Code

Signs in the Public ROW (including garage sale signs, real estate signs, etc.) are prohibited except during the hours of 9 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. The public right-of-way typically extends 16 feet from the curb. For additional regulations regarding the size, number and location of right-of-way signs, call the Community Development Department at 654-8181, ext. 123.

Call JULIE before you dig for safety's sake. There is no cost to the caller. Dial 1-800-892-0123 to have utilities located before you begin any underground work on your property.

Construction Hours are Monday through Friday between 7 AM and 7 PM, and Saturday and Sunday between 8 AM and 5 PM. It is unlawful for any construction work to be performed outside of any enclosed structure, or anywhere on any structure not completely enclosed at any other time.

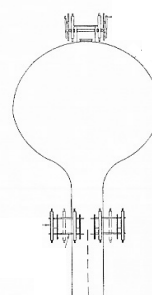
Pick up after Pets when taking them for walks and remember to keep them leashed. Village code requires pet owners to carry a "pooper scooper" when walking pets off their property. It's not only a courtesy to your neighbors, it's the law.

Space Needs Committee Moves Forward

The Space Planning Committee's first recommendation to proceed with renovating the Public Works facility was approved by the Village Board. Staff was directed to solicit requests for proposals from architects for phase one of the project. The facility, purchased in 1994 from Case/International Harvester, requires improvements to the interior and exterior of the building. Work will occur in three phases over three years, with phase one focusing on the renovation and more efficient use of existing office space. The total projected cost of the project is \$811,000.

The Committee has heard presentations regarding deficiencies in existing Public Works and Police Department facilities. The Committee's mission is to study such deficiencies, as well as the needs and desires of residents, community groups, boards and commissions. After careful consideration of the issues, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Trustees regarding the best way to accommodate those needs.

Sprint and T-Mobile to Install Antennas



To improve cellular phone service, Sprint and T-mobile will be installing new antennas in the Village. Sprint is utilizing the neck of the water tower on 83rd and Madison Streets, while T-mobile plans to install an antenna on top of the CNH water tower at 7S600 County Line Road. Both projects are expected to be complete by late summer/early fall.

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Calendar of Events

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Village Hall Closed
- 6 Police Pension Board Mtg 7:00 PM
- 8 Pathway Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 10 Brush Chipping at PW 9:00 AM - Noon
- 12 Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 14 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Mtg. 7:00 PM
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- 2 Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 9 Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 11 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Mtg. 7 PM

Vet. Memorial Cmte. Mtg. 5:30 PM

- 14 Brush Chipping at PW 9 AM - Noon
- 16 Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
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- 6 Labor Day - Village Hall Closed
- 8 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Mtg. 7 PM
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- 9 Pathway Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 11 Brush Chipping at PW 9 AM - Noon
- 13 Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 15 Sprinkling Restrictions End
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Are you Registered to Vote?

You must be registered to vote by **October 5th** if you wish to vote in the November elections. Check your status online at www.dupageelections.com if you're a DuPage County resident or www.voterinfonet.com if you're a Cook County resident. Not yet registered? Bring two forms of ID, one showing your current address, to Village Hall and register with Village Clerk, Karen Thomas, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. Call for details at 654-8181, ext. 101.

North Frontage Road Closing

North Frontage Road will close in early July for reconstruction from Elm Street to the cooling pond just south of Amerisuites. A detour route has been established from County Line Road to South Frontage Road to Madison St. Harvester Drive will remain open during both phases of the project. Major grading changes will be made to the road and curb and gutter will be installed.